

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.



Director, Program Policy Division  
Bureau of Medicaid Policy and Actuarial Services

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**Policy Subject:** Dental Periodicity Schedule

**Affected Programs:** Medicaid

**Distribution:** Dentists and Dental Clinics

**Policy Summary:** Under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) regulations, a separate periodicity schedule for dentists is required.

**Purpose:** Inform dentists and dental clinics of the EPSDT regulations and the separate periodicity schedule for dental services.

# *Proposed Policy Draft*

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Under federal regulations, the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) service requires state Medicaid programs to provide dental services at intervals that meet reasonable standards of dental practice to eligible Medicaid beneficiaries less than 21 years of age.

In accordance with this regulation, a separate periodicity schedule for the delivery of dental services by dentists has been developed. This schedule is included both in the EPSDT Section of the Practitioner Chapter and in the Dental Chapter of the Medicaid Provider Manual.

The dental periodicity schedule is as follows:

**FOR DENTISTS: An examination by a dentist is recommended by age one. An examination by a dentist is required by age three and every six months thereafter.**

For further information on pediatric oral health, both the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) have published recommendations on preventive pediatric oral health care.

The AAP Bright Futures Practice Guides on pediatric oral health management can be found on the Internet at <http://brightfutures.aap.org> >> Materials >> Practice Guides on Oral Health, Mental Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity.

AAPD guidelines on periodicity of examination, preventive dental services, anticipatory guidance and oral treatment for children can be found on the internet at <http://www.aapd.org> >> Policies and Guidelines >> Infant Oral Health Care (Under Clinical Guidelines).